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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 050455PC/RG		Date of mailing (day/month/year) 11 JUL 2005	
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. I | Basis of the opinion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VI | Certain documents cited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application |

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-10	YES
	Claims nil	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-10	YES
	Claims nil	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-10	YES
	Claims nil	NO

Citations and explanations:

NOVELTY (N) and INVENTIVE STEP (IS)

None of the citations in the search report disclose an image retention system as defined in the claims. Specifically none of the citations disclose a system including a plurality of retention portions spaced about a particular portion of a panel, each retention portion having magnetic properties and an attachment portion to attach it to the panel, and a clamping member having magnetic properties, the system being arranged such that each retention portion locates the image substrate relative to the particular part of the panel and the image substrate is clamped in position between the retention portion and the clamping member.

Therefore claims 1-10 are novel and have an inventive step.

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claims 1 and 2 lack clarity as it is not clear from the claims whether the clamping member uses the "magnetic properties" of the clamping member and retention portion to provide the clamping of the image substrate or whether it simply clamps the image substrate onto the retention portion. The clamping member could simply be embodied as a metal peg and the retention portion as a metal stop and the image portion is clamped to the stop with the peg.

Claims 1 and 2 are not fully supported by the description because:

- a) from the objection above it is clear that claims 1 and 2 include within their scope image retention systems which are different to that disclosed in the body of the description. It is clear from the body of the description that the clamping member uses magnetic attraction between the clamping member and the retention portion to clamp the image substrate therebetween but claims 1 and 2 are not limited to this arrangement.
- b) the body of the description only discloses a system having one clamping member per retention portion but the claims include in their scope systems which use one clamping member for a plurality of retention portions. It is not even possible to work out from the description how one clamping member as disclosed could be used for a plurality of retention portions.